

Mr Cullen sends his apologies as unfortunately he cannot be with us tonight as he is attending a family funeral. He has asked me to be his representative and read out his speech on his behalf. I retired from British Airports Authority after thirty-five years as Airport Security Advisor. My main responsibilities were to ensure the security processes and standards were maintained at all times. This position gave me a firm grounding in leadership qualities as I worked closely with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Metropolitan Police, Immigration and Customs & Excise. I was also involved with meeting & greeting VIPs, such as members of Royal Families, Heads of State and important guests of Her Majesties Government. I have always had an interest in politics and people and although I am confident in challenging decisions made by Councils or Government in the best interests of residents I have the ability to lead and champion the interests of the local community. I am a good listener and would welcome residents to discuss any issue or matters they feel are important to create a harmonious local environment.

Some of the serious issues that I feel strongly about and want to get involved in are:-

- Social Care – why invest 136 million of our council taxes outside our county when it should be spent within Surrey?
- Housing – the number of empty homes has hits the highest rate for 20 years calling into question the need to build on countryside which costs the tax payers billions. All councils should be forced to sell off empty homes, also vacant Government buildings.
- Council Tax Increases – those that tried to implement a tax rise of 15% should be ashamed of themselves. There must be an alternative to protect Social Care other than hitting the home owner. This is bad management by councils.
- Aircraft Noise – I lived near Heathrow and know what it is like for noise and pollution. I moved to Surrey because it was more rural and much quieter but not now! In recent years aircraft movement in this area has risen to an unacceptable level. Councils should investigate why the increase and why they fly too low over residential areas.
- Crime & Anti-Social behavior – It is very concerning that crime and anti-social behavior is on the increase at an alarming rate. Policing policies need to be reviewed without increasing council taxes.
- Rubbish – rubbish discarded over the years in Surrey has become an eyesore and a disgrace. Surrey being one of the wealthiest counties so why is the council allowing this to go unnoticed?
- Parking – this issue must be tackled and we must work together to resolve the problem. Frimley Park Hospital must take ownership of this issue.
- Lighting – we spent 120 million on lighting in Surrey so why did the council replace them if we are not going to use them. Council must get their priorities right and

listen to the residents.

- Roads – our roads in Surrey are the worst in the UK. We pay £1.2 million in damages from claims. This money should have been used to ensure our roads got the attention they needed instead of becoming a liability and a Health & Safety issue as they are now.

If you strongly disagree, as I do, with our Council over spending and digging into our reserves, plus Council officials awarding themselves huge pay increases, then make your vote count and we can take control.

I would like you to put your trust in me and stand for what we believe in and together we will make it happen.

Thank you for listening and if you have any questions my representative Sylvia Eastwood will be more than happy to give you my private email address.

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